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The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association



A Message from the President

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Hello members and associates of ECARA. We had an enjoyable summer picnic at last month's meeting in Pomfret. Attendance was low but we still had a great time. Thanks to all who attended and help make that happen. We are basically through with summer and cruising into fall. I hope that everyone had a great summer. I personally was so busy that the summer just flew by for me. We just got both of our daughters in college moved back to school and can now settle down a bit.

As far as amateur radio is concerned, September is a busy month for us. We just finished up fair season and Vinny and others who helped out at the Brooklyn Fair did a great job as usual representing amateur radio. The New England Convention begins Friday September 9th through Sunday September 11th in Boxboro, Ma. This is a great event that consists of a flea market of used items and many vendors of new amateur radio products. If you have the opportunity it is worth attending. Also during the same weekend, the September ARRL VHF/UHF contest is running. This event is a lot of fun and is a good experience for new hams to try to get a taste of what contesting is all about. It is very challenging operating on the vhf/uhf bands and height really makes the difference. The monthly meeting will be on Monday Sept. 12th at the Waldron Scout Camp in North Grosvenordale. The technician classes begin on Wednesday September 21, 2016 at the Northeast District Dept. of Health in Brooklyn. I hope we get a full class and get some new members to the club from it.

See you at the meeting.

73,
K1CSP
John Szamocki

NEXT MEETING
**Camp Waldron, Jessie Hay
Lodge**
**108 Mountain Hill Rd, Thompson, CT
06255**
Get Directions
Monday 7PM, Sep. 12

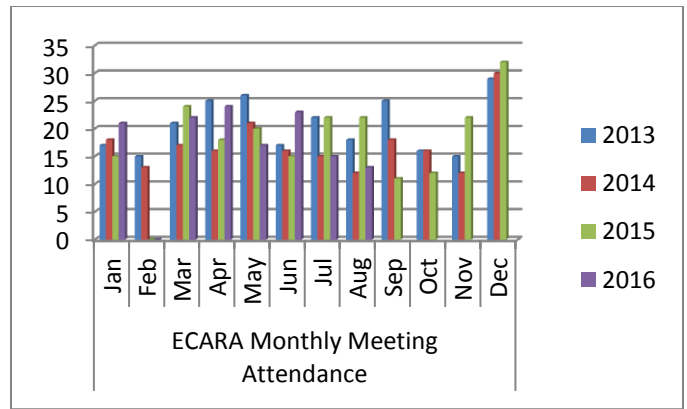
ECARA Monthly Meeting & Annual Picnic 8/13/16 at Pomfret Recreational Park, Pomfret.

Meeting called to order at 1334 hrs.

Attending Members:

K1CSP, John	KA1MPG, Jon
K1DSK, Devendra	KA1MPI, Ron
K1NLX, Peter	KB1DNO, Frankie
K1ZE, Ed	N1NNP, Mimi
KA1KAC, Bill	N7BEO,Christy

Visitors, Guests & Past Members: numerous family members



K1CSP presiding. Quorum NOT established to conduct business.

Good of the order: none

Meeting adjourned at 1335hrs.

A shout out to all those who brought food & treats for all to enjoy at the picnic!

Camp Challenge Ride

extracted, in part, from Reflector post dtd 8/31/16

Per email below please consider helping out on **Sat., Sep 10th**. This is a fun and worthwhile event:

Greetings [from Wayne, N1CLV]!

The 8th Annual Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Challenge Ride will be held on Saturday, 10 September 2016. This will also be the eighth year that Amateur Radio has assisted with this immensely successful charity ride that benefits children with serious diseases (cancer, leukemia, etc). Last year the ride raised about \$300K for the kids!

We are looking for help to staff SAGs (nice Audi SUVs) with Amateur Radio operators and mobile Go Boxes. The SAGs will move around the two course loops (15 and 30 miles) assisting riders.

Note: We are going to try to use DMR along with K1MUJ/R (147.225). So all you DMR enthusiasts, here's a chance to play with your new toys!

If you can help, please send an email to N1CLV@mac.com ASAP!

If you're not able to help this year, please let me know that, too!

Thanx & 73, Wayne Gronlund N1CLV

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Communications is the link between problems and solutions.

ECARA Calendar of special events 2016:

Club meetings held every second Monday of each month.

Event	Date	Purpose	Contact/Net Control	Attendance
O'Putnam Road Race	3/13	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	6 attended
ECARA Flea Market table set-up	3/18	8PM, St Joseph's church hall, Dayville	K1NLX	8 attended
ECARA Flea Market	3/19	Club fund raiser	K1NLX	~doz attended
VE Session	3/19	Examination for those needing ham license	KB1JDX	3 VEs
ECARA Breakfast #1	3/26	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	K1NLX	23 attended
Monthly meeting at QVEC	4/11	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1CSP	23 attended
Jog with Judy	5/7	Safety & communications	K1AGL	4-6 ops needed
Sky Warn Class	TBD	Storm spotting & reporting, Location TBD	TBD	Anyone interested
Woodstock Road Race	5/30	Safety & communications	KE1LI	10 attended
VE Session	6/8	Tests for new Techs and license upgrades	KB1JDX	6 attended
DKH 5K Road Race	6/18	Safety & communications	KE1LI	TBD
Kid's Day	6/18	Demonstration and promote Amateur Radio services to youth (1-7PM)	K1CSP	Numerous OPS attended
ECARA Field Day	6/24-26	Contesting & emergency readiness	KA1MPG	Couple dozen + attended
Annual ECARA Picnic	8/13	Socialization, and business related activities (if any), BYODrinks	K1CSP	13 attended
VJ Day Parade	8/14	Safety & communications	KB1JDX	TBD
Brooklyn Fair	8/25-28	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	
Thompson Community Day	9/25	Promote Ham Radio to public	KB1JDX	TBD
Harvester 5K Road Race	Sep	Safety & communications	TBD	
Woodstock Road Race	Oct	Woodstock Academy	TBD	
Monthly meeting at QVEC	10/10	Monthly business agenda at 911 facility	K1NLX	
ECARA Breakfast #2	Oct	Social event, Main St Grille, Putnam 0900	K1NLX	Members, family & friends
ARRL 2016 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)	TBD	Exercise in emergency communications	N1CLV	
Dazzle Light Parade	11/27	Safety & communications (rain date TBD)	TBD	
ECARA Election of Officers & Xmas Party	12/12	Social & administrative event; officer election 6PM @ Classic Pizza, Rt6, Brooklyn	K1NLX	Members, family & friends

Membership Application Form:

Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association Membership Application / Renewal				
<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership; <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Membership		Today's Date:		
If you are already a "Ham", please complete below then the yellow area:	If you are an aspiring "Ham", please complete below then the yellow area:	ADDITIONAL INFO (not required, but helpful)	PLEASE SELECT ONE:	
CALL SIGN:	FIRST & LAST NAME:	YOUR DOB:	<input type="checkbox"/>	INDIVIDUAL (\$20/yr)
LICENSE CLASS:	STREET ADDR:	SPOUSE NAME:	<input type="checkbox"/>	FAMILY (\$30/yr)
HANDLE (nickname):	CITY, STATE, ZIP:	SPOUSE DOB:	<input type="checkbox"/>	SENIOR (\$15/yr)
FIRST YEAR LICENSED: ARRL MEMBER: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		DOM:	<input type="checkbox"/>	STUDENT
HOME:	CURRENT PHONES (home& cell) CELL:		<input type="checkbox"/>	1 st Year ECARA course
	CURRENT EMAIL:	Would you like to receive the SinePost? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVISIONAL
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